

**RCMI L-Path Teaching**  
January 01, 2023 [New Year Celebration]

**TITLE:** THE YEAR OF THE QUICKENING SPIRIT

**TEXT:** Romans 8:11; John 6: 63a; 2Peter 1:21; Acts 2: 2-4

**BIG IDEA:** 2023 is the year the Holy Spirit will quicken us for expansion, revival, maturity, peace in chaos, abundance in famine, and as anointed heralds.

Introduction

- The New Year ushers a shift into a season. For many, it will be trying, but for the true children of God, they will see a harvest come about. There will be manifestations of things prayed for and longed for.
- One of the most powerful truths in the Word of God is in John 6:63a when Jesus says, *“It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing.” (KJV)*
- The Christian life was never meant to be lived with our effort and strength! It is impossible to enjoy an overcoming, victorious Christian life this season without the help of the Holy Spirit.
- In the Hebrew calendar, each year is represented by a unique set of Hebrew letters! Each letter has a name, a meaning, and a numerical value. This year’s name is 5783.
- The year 5783 is symbolized by letters for 83 - Pey [80] and Gimmel [3]
- **Pey** means mouth/ relates to language and what we speak
- The other letter is GIMEL (3). Gimmel represents the Holy Spirit, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the God-head.

What we can experience in 2023:

**I. THE QUICKENING SPIRIT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE**

*A. Definition of the Quickening Spirit*

1. Spirit is the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is not a ghost, or a wind, or a fire, or a dove. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, not third, because He is least in value, just third because He’s the last to be revealed in the pages of Scripture.
- If you are a believer, the Holy Spirit lives in you. That means all of the grandeur and all of the greatness, and all of the authority of God Himself now lives on the inside of you.

2. Quickening

- “Quicken” is the Greek word *zoopoieo*, from *Zoe* and *poieo*. *Zoe* is the Greek word for *life and often describes God’s life*. The word *poieo* means *to do*. When these two words are compounded together, it means *to make alive with energy*.
- It carries the idea of revitalizing, *rejuvenating*, or *refreshing with new life!* This means that if you yield to the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, He will supernaturally revitalize you. He will fill you with so much resurrection power that you will be ready to get up and go again!

*B.* If we say that the Holy Spirit quickens me, we ask the Spirit to pour His life into us so that He will control our lives.

- When the Holy Spirit quickens you, He gives you *supernatural abilities* to do things that were impossible for you to do naturally.
- He brings life and hope in dead and hopeless situations. Example: the Lord, by His Spirit through the prophet Ezekiel in **Ezekiel 37:1-10**, quickened the dry bones by bringing order in the arrangement of the bones, life came into them, and they became a great army.
- The quickening Spirit also brings about *boldness*. In **Acts 4:29-31**, the disciples met together and prayed, and the place where they were shaken was filled with the Holy Spirit and quickened them to preach the word of God with boldness.
- The quickening Spirit brings about *obedience*. In **Ezekiel 36:27**, God promises He will put His Spirit in us and cause us to walk according to His statutes.

## II. THE MOVE OF THE QUICKENING SPIRIT IN THIS SEASON OF ‘PEY.’

### A. Functions of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 2:2-4. When we are abundantly full of the Holy Spirit, we, too, can speak in tongues. Prophecy and tongues come as we are full of His Spirit and presence.
- Eph. 5:18. As we are abundantly full of Him, it’s going to change what we say, it’s going to change what we speak, and our words will become prophetic, and they will release keys and revelation to people’s hearts, and they will see God through what we say.
- We need the Holy Spirit in our mouths, and may we seek Him in the year ahead.

### B. Gimmel and the Torah

- The letter gimmel representing the Holy Spirit also represents the Torah and the law of God.
- This means that there is an alignment between the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
- They do not contradict; they do not go in different directions. So, as we seek to be full of His Spirit, it’s essential that we are grounded in His word so that what comes out of us and what we speak is His Word guided by His Spirit.

### C. Gimmel Signifies It’s Time To Grow

- Another function of Gimmel is to make them mature. In other words, the Holy Spirit brings us to maturity. *Gamal means to nourish until entirely ripe*.
- We are not just seeking the Holy Spirit for an experience, but as He is truly in our lives, we are going to bear much fruit. And that is His work, not ours; we don’t try to do it; he does it through us. So, this year, let’s seek Him for fruitfulness; seek Him for His presence, and as we do, we will bear fruit.

### D. Gimmel: To Wean

- The child no longer demands from his mother as he is content.
- The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring us to maturity, so we’re no longer praying those ‘give me’ kinds of prayers but simply seeking Him for His presence.
- God wants us to find rest in Him, from ambition, from any demands we might be looking for, and the Holy Spirit brings us to that rest, contentment, and abundance in Him.

### E. A Never-Ending Supply

- The letter Gimmel also represents a camel. A camel is a unique creature that can store water and continue going through horrible desert conditions when other animals flounder.
- You can keep going when others go thirsty. This is truly the work of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist was clothed in camel's hair.
- The year ahead to me looks like a year in the natural dry and thirsty land where financially, many things can be very hard, but as we are connected to the Holy Spirit, there's going to be an abundance and an overflow and a peace in our hearts.

**CHALLENGE:** 2023 ushers a shift into a season. In this Year of the Quickening Spirit, God has called us to make a difference in our generation and be a bright light that will draw men to Jesus Christ. But we need divine quickening to accomplish God's purposes in our lives. This is the season of empowerment.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. How will you go about making a difference in this generation?
2. What are the things you need to do to be able to accomplish this? Share.